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Every time we receive a new brother or sister in Christ into membership at Lakeside UMC, “we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.” We proclaim aloud, in the presence of witnesses, that we commit to support our church in these five specific ways. I have repeated these vows dozens of times over my lifetime – both as a member and as a pastor.

I was pondering these vows recently when it hit me that our vows to the church begin with prayer. Our first promise to God and one another is that we will support our church, our people and our ministries with prayer. Before we show up for worship, before we offer our tithes and financial support, before we serve in our missions and before we share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others, we promise to pray. We covenant to talk to God on behalf of Lakeside’s people and ministries, and we covenant to listen to God’s voice leading and guiding our church.

But how do we pray for Lakeside? What do we pray? Do we pray a long wish list for God to fill? Do we pray against evil forces? Do we pray prayers of praise and thanksgiving? Do we pray that God will do things our preferred way in the church? Just how do we pray?

James tells us “¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16) In his letter to the people of Philippi, Paul tells us to “⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” (Philippians 4:6) Jeremiah assures us that God hears our every whisper. “¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.” (Jeremiah 29:12)

Often when I am talking to people about prayer, they will tell me that they are praying for answers or guidance from God. While their prayers may be specific, most folks tell me that they have not prayed for God to answer them in a way they can clearly understand. Praying for wisdom and clarity when we are talking to God humbles us and opens us to the possibilities of God’s responses. When we are set on God answering our prayers in a certain way, it is easy to be disappointed or disillusioned when we do not receive the answer we want. We pray, trusting God for the answer that is for our ultimate good and the ultimate good of all concerned.

So Lakeside, let us join together in prayer – you, me, the prayer team and every person in our Lakeside family. Let us pray in one accord for clarity, courage, strength and obedience to carry out God’s will for our church and community. “God, grant wisdom to the committee who is planning the fundraiser for a new, safe church bus. Guide us in discerning ministries with our neighbors and the unchurched that glorify you and best serve and honor them as your children. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.”

We love and serve a powerful God! When together, we humbly ask for God’s will to be done, we are assured God hears our prayers and is working for the best in our church and community.

Pastor Judy

What’s Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, Aug. 7

9:30 LAAF
10:00 Staff Mtg.
2:00-4:00 Small Group Leader Training
3:00 Zoom F & F (Coffee w/the Pastor)
6:00-7:30 Back to School Party for Mid-Week Manna and Vanessa Hernandez

Thursday, Aug. 8

Friday, Aug. 9

Office closed

Saturday, Aug. 10

8:00 Men’s Breakfast
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

Monday, Aug. 12

Tuesday, Aug. 13

1:00 PEO

Wednesday, Aug. 14

9:30 LAAF
12:00 N2N Board Mtg.
2:00-4:00 Small Group Leader Training
3:00 Zoom Faith and Fellowship (F & F)
(formerly known as Coffee w/the Pastor)
6:00

Thursday, Aug. 15

Friday, Aug. 16

Office closed

Saturday, Aug. 17

Sunday, Aug. 18

8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
*10:30 Sanctuary Worship
* Blessing of the backpacks

Lakesiders, having promised to be loyal to Jesus Christ through The United Methodist Church and to do all in our power to strengthen its ministries, live out our promise by God's grace together— participating faithfully in the ministries of Lakeside United Methodist Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Mid-Week Manna Back to School Party

Wednesday, August 7 from 6:00-7:30pm.

You're invited to celebrate "going back to school" with our Mid-Week Manna families and Vanessa Hernandez. We will be giving school supplies to our children and helping Vanessa prepare for college life.

Bring your favorite pick-up party food and join in on the fun as our kids scavenge for supplies and we celebrate Vanessa.

Here is Vanessa's Amazon wish-list or if you have questions, call the office.

(scan the code with your phone's camera)

Or use this link- <https://tinyurl.com/mubdj4ep>



SUMMARY OF JUNE 30, 2024 LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES

- The June minutes, financial, endowment reports and the consent calendar were approved.
- The Board approved Trustee Chair, Gerald Majors' recommendation to repair the balcony pews for \$1090.00 and install ADA approved handicap access to The Center for \$4500.00 from the Endowment Fund. Approximately \$2400 received from the Shepherd's Center will be applied to the The Center project. Linda Pickler agreed to pay for the repairs to the Lakeside sign on the southwest corner of Olive and 16th Street.
- The Board approved the creation of a committee to organize a "Miracle Sunday" to raise \$150,000 for a new 14-passenger church bus.
- Lakeside's Charge Conference will be held on November 19, 2024.
- The Board approved Pastor Judy exploring the use of the 15th street offices as a Community Café and an adult literacy resource center as part of the "One More Question" program.
- The Board approved hiring an associate pastor for 10 hours per week in exchange for the use of the parsonage. The associate will be responsible for utilities and upkeep of the yard.



We pray for the sick: Martin Huber, Violet Ross, Sandy Bobo, and Allen Swob

Woodland Heights Senior Living: Billie Doster; *Woodland Heights Memory Care:* Wannie Pope. *Stonebridge Senior Living:* Bob Castleberry *Lakeside's Hispanic Ministry, Young People around the world, Families in trouble, City Council members & Mayor, Students of all ages, Teachers, and First Responders.*

Job Opportunities at Lakeside

Director of Mi Casa Hispanic Ministries – This position requires someone who is bilingual in Spanish and English and who has a heart for working with children and families as well as a proficiency in communicating and computers.

Nursery Director – If you are looking for a part-time job of 5-6 hours per week or know of someone who loves to work with young children, this is a great ministry to be a part of.

Please contact the office for more information about either position.

Thank You!!

Last Thursday, on August 1, a total of 35 boxes of nutritious food were distributed to families in the community. This was made possible through the dedicated efforts of numerous volunteers who were involved in various aspects of this ministry. This undertaking included scheduling, purchasing, packing, delivering, and loading.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Vanessa Hernandez, Sandy Bobo, Jennifer Fox, Donna Kriner, Catherine Vander Woude, Etoyle Mouser, David Nixon, Danny Tibbs, Ann Tibbs, and George Mitchell for their invaluable contributions that made this distribution a success. --Linda LaClair



Choir rehearsals are resuming!

Summer break is almost over for Lakeside Choir members. Rehearsals will start back next Wednesday, August 14 at 6:00p.m. If you've been thinking about joining this vibrant, diverse group of singers, now is the perfect time to dust off your vocal pipes.



Sunday, August 4, 2024

8:30 Chapel Worship - 22
9:15 Sunday school - 22
10:30 Worship - 80
Online Worship - 23
Trinity Village Vespers - 24

Our Weekly Service at Church

Aug. 11, 2024

Senior Pastor: Reverend Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Laura Richards
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moment:** Jennifer Fox
Sermon: Fight Fair– But Don't Stay There
Sermon Series: Living the Love of Christ:
Lessons from Ephesians
Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

Aug. 12 Brass Polishers: Catherine Anne Atkinson and Sue Merritt
Aug. 12 Counters: Shelby Stone and Laura Richards

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live and YouTube. Join us online for worship at:

www.facebook.com/lakesidepb

www.youtube.com/@lume_pinebluff

Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website

www.lakesidepb.org

Latest Sunday School News

Aug. 11, 2024 9:15am.

Discovery Class: This class is beginning a new book study by Adam Hamilton, Words of Life– Jesus and the Promise of the 10 Commandments.

Now is a great time to join the class.

Wesley Class: This week's discussion– God Enjoys a Good Feast. All are welcome to attend.

Wedding Shower

A shower for Wyatt Jones and his fiancé, Kallie Garth will be held in the Center from 2:00-4:00p.m (come and go) on Sunday, August 18th.

They are registered at Sissy's Log Cabin and www.theknot.com/kallieandwyatt. Come and help us celebrate this wonderful occasion.

